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REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James W. Godlove  
Director of Environmental Affairs  
White River Shale Oil Corporation  
Suite 500, Prudential Building  
115 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

RE: Conditional Approval  
Phase I Operations  
White River Oil Shale Project  
ACT/047/017  
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Godlove:

The thirty (30) day public comment period for the White River Oil Shale Project has passed with no adverse comments being received by the Division. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, having received the concurrence of the Board, hereby issues conditional approval for Phase I of the White River Oil Shale Project. This approval is based upon the following conditions:

1. A corporate seal must be attached to the bond form to render it effective.
2. The operator must promise, by written response within 5 days of receipt of this approval letter, that at least 60 days prior to affecting acreage beyond the 110 acres of the first increment of Phase I, and prior to exceeding the time limitations (5 years from approval date) proper application shall be delivered to the Division for its review.
3. As previously agreed upon, a conclusive addendum package containing all final language relating to the satisfaction of each Division concern outlined in the June 30, 1982 review letter should be provided by October 15, 1982.
4. All concerns as outlined in the July 30, 1982 submittal should be addressed according to the attached time frames.

Question 11: Further information about estimated cut and fill data should be submitted by October 15, 1982.

Question 14: The Division requests detailed subsidence mitigation plans by September 15, 1982. This plan should be determined now rather than when the occasion arises as your comments indicated.

Board/Charles R. Henderson, Chairman • John L. Bell • E. Steele McIntyre • Edward T. Beck  
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- Question 18: The disposal of ripped road pavements is contingent upon a detailed evaluation of costs for disposal. The development of the detailed costs is requested by October 15, 1982 with the further condition that the BLM and the OSO approve.
- Question 23: The Division seeks to ensure, through the submission of existing data or the acquisition of new data, that no material of a toxic or inhibitory nature exists or at a minimum that if such material exists that placement of the material occurs in such a manner so as to isolate it from possibly sensitive areas.
- Question 25: It should be understood that additional requirements may become necessary and more specific details needed at a future date earlier than that specified in the response regarding permanent closure of the portals, shafts, and declines.
- Questions 30:  
& 31: A conditional stipulation requires the submittals of updates and annual Operations and Progress Reports within the first quarter of each year. It should be reiterated that all reports should be submitted to the Division as soon as they are available.
- Question 34: As a conditional stipulation, White River Shale Oil Corporation (WRSOC) needs to agree to the sealing of the shaft as a part of the reclamation activities during abandonment in cooperation with the Oil Shale Office or any other federal agency as applicable. This should be submitted by October 15, 1982.
- Question 36: WRSOC should understand that variance requests such as the timing for the decommissioning plan, must be submitted at least 60 days prior to approaching the Board for approval.
- Question 38: WRSOC will employ the soil resource tabulation chart (if agreed upon) to keep a running account of the available topsoil, its storage duration, use and adequacy throughout the project.
- Question 40: WRSOC should commit to submitting any experimental test plot data obtained.

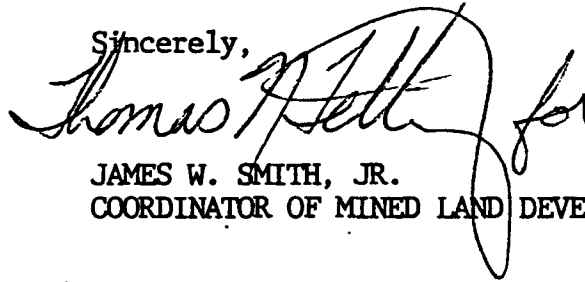
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When written acceptance of the above conditions has been received by this office, the permit will be in full force and construction may proceed within the constraints of incremental bonding.

Please be reminded of Rule 40-8-15 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act regarding reporting requirements set forth in the Annual Operations and Progress Report.

If we may assist you at any time pursuant to any of these conditions or any unforeseen changes which may be necessary on-site, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Smith, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.  
COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

JWS/TLP/tck

cc: Peter Rutledge, OSO  
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